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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

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REPORT Merseburg Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 5 to 12 July 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Merseburg airfield between 5 and 12 July 1953:

5 July. There was no air activity in cloudy weather.

6 July. Between 3 a.m. and 4 p.m., individual flights were made by MiG-15s The sky was 2/10 overcast. Night flying was practiced between 8:10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

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9 July. Between 3 a.m. and 4 p.m., individual flights were made. There was a closed ceiling. Night flying was practiced from 8:15 p.m. until after midnight.

10 July. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of 1,000 meters and good visibility. Between noon and 3 p.m. and again between 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., individual flights were made.

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12 July. There was no air activity in cloudless weather. Every morning at 5:30 a.m. on 7, 8 and 9 July, a Po-2 plane took off from the field and climbed to an altitude of 700 to 800 meters from where it released a parachutist. The jumper climbed from the front seat to the lower portion of the left wing, then leaped head foremost. The parachute opened exactly 4 seconds after the leap. Immediately after the descent, the plane landed and took up another parachutist. Five or six such flights were made. In early July, four groups of 8 planes each were still parked on the dispersal area for MiG-15s.¹

2. In early July, no AA guns were observed at the field, although personnel with red-bordered black epaulets were still stationed there.²

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